

Or be they not so poor, in common, for Reasons before-mentioned, that they become rather a Charge to him, Which Way, in the Universe, can you think, that the Inhabitants (excepting such as join upon the other Governments) shall be able to discharge themselves, even of their Quit-rents, &c. and carry on their other Affairs on such heavy and discouraging Terms and Conditions as the Government of the Province now stands? I could heartily wish those Affairs were made the chiefest Concern of your Minds, in respect to the Government; and that you, (as a first Movement) might, in a regular Manner, give it a proper Motion, and it's to be hoped, nor do I doubt at all, but that, if those Points are regularly moved, in the House of Burgesses, the other two Branches of the Legislature would co-work together with you, whereby such wholesome Laws might be Enacted, that the Government, from its low and distressed State of Poverty, might be recovered: Doubtless there may be Means and Methods proposed, whereby the Province may be preserved and raised over all those Difficulties it labours under; provided the Legislature carefully lay the Foundation, in a proper Manner, and be more than ordinary careful, also, not to undervalue the Province nor the Produce of it, themselves, for that it is, at present, so destitute of a *Medium*, whereby to promote Trade and Commerce amongst ourselves: Such a Mistake, indeed, might be looked upon, as a gross Imposition upon ourselves, and in no wise conducive to establish good and wholesome Governments in the Province: Such a Mistake would be inconsistent, in respect to propagating the King's Government, and Interest in it, as it would also be again our own, to be obliged to quit and neglect our Plantations, and flee to the neighbouring Governments for Relief of Necessaries, as well as for a *Medium* for Trade and Commerce, perhaps at 150 *per Cent.* Loss to the Publick; and may we not be well assured, that the King bars you not from acting, encouraging, and supporting his Children? Has he not rather waited, as in Compassion, for several Years, that you might propose something in a proper Manner to answer as a *Medium*, even for his Quit-rents? What stood in your Way? Or what hindered you, that Bill was not prepared and presented to the Upper House, in order to have a Pass to the Governor, for his Assent, with the King's Approbation, to a Proposition well approved of? May we not reasonably conclude, that the King (as a Father) hearing of our Poverty, matters not whether a *Medium* be prepared of Paper, leather out of old Shoes or new ones, provided it be upon a proper